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SUBJECT: ENERGY FACILITY INVENTORY

REF: (A) WINNIPEG 520; (B) STATE 240102

1. WHILE WE APPRECIATE THE LETTER FROM MANITOBA
PREMIER LYON (REF A) STATING THAT THERE ARE NO FACILITIES
IN MANITOBA HAVING POTENTIAL TRANSBOUNDARY POLLUTION IMPACT,
WE ARE CONCERNED THAT MR. LYON'S ASSESSMENT OF WHETHER
SPECIFIC FACILITIES MAY OR MAY NOT POSE A THREAT TO THE US
ENVIRONMENT MAY NOT NECESSARILY ACCORD WITH OUR OWN.

2. ONE METHOD TO CLARIFY THE SITUATION WOULD BE TO
WRITE AGAIN TO THE MANITOBA GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTING SPECIFI-
CALLY TO CONFIRM THAT MANITOBA HAS NO HYDRO OR NUCLEAR
PLANTS LOCATED UPON SOUTHWARD FLOWING STREAMS OR RIVERS
WHICH CROSS THE BOUNDARY, AND THAT THERE ARE NO MAJOR COAL
OR OIL-FIRED PLANTS EITHER EXISITING OR PLANNED IN THE PRO-
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VINCE. SUCH A LETTER WOULD HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY WORDED TO
AVOID GIVING OFFENSE BUT EXPLICIT CONFIRMATION FROM THE
MANITOBA GOVERNMENT WOULD BE OF GREATER UTILITY THAN
THE PROVINCE'S BLANKET ASSESSMENT THAT NO FACILITIES EXIST
HAVING A POTENTIAL TRANSBOUNDARY POLLUTION IMPACT.

AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD WOULD BE TO DEVELOP DATA FOR THE

PROVINCE RELYING ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL SOURCES SUCH AS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS, PUBLISHED MATERIALS, POWER NEED PROJECTIONS, ETC. THIS DATA COULD THEN BE CHECKED WITH THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT IF EXISTING OR PLANNED FACILITIES CAME TO LIGHT WHICH APPEARED TO HAVE POSSIBLE TRANSBOUNDARY IMPACTS. (IF NO SUCH FACILITIES WERE FOUND, AND IF WE COULD HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE THOROUGHNESS OF OUR SEARCH, THERE WOULD BE NO NEED TO RAISE THE MATTER AGAIN WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MANITOBA.)

3. WE LEAVE THE CHOICE, ON THE ABOVE OR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ANY OTHER ALTERNATIVE MEETING THESE NEEDS TO THE EMBASSY'S DISCRETION, BHT WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED AS THE MATTER PROGRESSES.

4. FYI: WE ANTICIPATE BEING IN TOUCH WITH THE GOC EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR REGARDING THE MORIBUND IF NOT NON-EXISTENT ADVANCE NOTIFICATION AND CONSULTATION MECHANISM REFERRED TO IN PARAS 2 & 3 REF A. VANCE

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